

**Amb Feinstein's Remarks for Women's Empowerment DVC with Geena Davis**  
**September 26, 2012, 3:30 p.m., CMR**

It's my pleasure to introduce Academy Award winner Geena Davis. Ms. Davis your work is well known in Poland and widely admired.

And it is particularly well known in this group because of your appearance in the documentary film by Jennifer Siebel Newsom, Miss Representation, which was shown at the Fourth Women's Congress in Warsaw, last week, and the year before, where my wife, Elaine Monaghan introduced the film.

There were some 9,000 people registered for the Congress from all over Poland from more than 30 countries, making it one of the biggest women's congresses anywhere.

So this group is already familiar with your work as an actor and your work to research and change portrayals of women and girls through the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Meida; and through See Jane.

As the father of an eight year old boy and a five soon to be six year old girl, I can only endorse See Jane's mission to reduce gender stereotyping in media for children 11 and under.

Ms. Davis is here at the initiative of the State Department and Secretary Clinton. My embassy has initiated a series of video conferences on women's empowerment. Your appearance is the capstone of our video series that included CEOs and leading scholars.

Geena Davis was recently appointed Special Envoy for Women and Girls as part of the United Nations' International Telecommunications Union, and she is an official partner of "UN Women," working towards their goal of promoting gender equality and empowering women worldwide. Ms. Davis also serves on the Board of an NGO called the "White House Project," and she is also Chair of the California Commission on the Status of Women.

Ms. Davis you are joined by an outstanding group of leaders representing academia, business, and government. Our format today will be to ask Ms. Davis to begin the program.

And then I thought it would be important and interesting for you to hear from Polish colleagues, and we have two good friends and leading voices in the country, a business executive Ms. Dorota Dabrowska, and the Director of Poland's extremely vital, Vital Voices Program Agnieszka Bilinska.

At that point, I hope we can open the discussion to questions, and to have a good and open exchange. I wish also to welcome Madeleine Dinonno, executive director of the Geena Davis institute.

So, Ms. Davis, please feel free to address any questions you wish, but please tell us about the status of efforts in the States to reduce gender stereotyping in media; what has been accomplished; and what challenges remain.

It's my great pleasure now to introduce the founder of the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media, Ms. Geena Davis.